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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE WIRE HARNESS
SYSTEMS ANTITRUST

Case No. 12-md-02311

MDL NO. 2311

Hon. Marianne O. Battani

INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARIANNE O. BATTANI
United States District Judge
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse
231 West Lafayette Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan
Friday, March 16, 2012

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1 At this point I don't even know that I'm going to use her,
2 but she is assigned to this case.

3 Of course, sitting in front of me is
4 Bernadette Thebolt, and I think most of you have if not
5 already talked to her know that she is my case manager, and
6 will be the court clerk in charge of this case so that when
7 we work out the filings and the pleadings, et cetera, Bernie
8 will keep track of that.

9 Then my court reporter, Rob Smith, will be taking
10 down what is taking place here today. I don't anticipate
11 that we will order a transcript, but I will get some notes
12 off of his notes, so that's what we are doing.

13 And then I have my two law clerks, in front is
14 Eric Westenberg and to my far right is Molly Roehrig, and
15 they will be working with me on this matter.

16 The first issue is the oath of admission. I'm
17 sorry, I know a lot of you got excited about this because you
18 didn't have certificates of good standing, et cetera. You
19 only need to be admitted if you are going to argue a motion
20 today. You only need to be admitted, in fact, if you are
21 coming here to argue a motion. We do not have pro hoc vice
22 in this district so you have to, as you most likely know
23 already, become members and then you will be welcome to come
24 here and argue any case.

25 All right. For those of you, I have the

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert L. Smith, Official Court Reporter of
the United States District Court, Eastern District of
Michigan, appointed pursuant to the provisions of Title 28,
United States Code, Section 753, do hereby certify that the
foregoing pages comprise a full, true and correct transcript
taken in the matter of IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE WIRE HARNESS
SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION Case No. 12-mdl-2311, on Friday,
March 16, 2012.

s/Robert L. Smith
Robert L. Smith, CSR 5098
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United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

Date: 03/26/2012

Detroit, Michigan